THIRD DAY—*16th June 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

The following members were duly sworn in :—

1. Mr. H. Krishnamurthiachar.
2. Mr. Balaji Singh

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MESSRS. PATTI BASAPPA and SUGURAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk).—

Q.—12. In the matter of the project for the construction of a tank at Jiladagundi, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) In the answer given to Question No. 47 of the Budget Session of the Representative Assembly of 1929, it is stated that a higher contribution by the *atchkatdars* should be paid What is the percentage of the contribution claimed and what is the estimate on which this is based ?

(*b*) If a greater extent is likely to be brought under wet cultivation, are the Government prepared to levy a proportionately lower rate of wet assessment ?

(*c*) As the bagayet lands of the neighbouring 10 or 12 villages are likely to be benefited by this project, an increase in the rate of assessment on bagayet lands appears to be desirable ; taking all these into consideration, will the Government be pleased to investigate this project as early as possible and commence the work ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—12. (*a*) At least half the estimate amount, the estimated cost being Rs 2,21,500.

(*b*) The extent of cultivation is limited to 506 acres.

(*c*) This has been done and the project has been deferred for the present as the estimated return is low.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Sugurappa.—

As the bagayet lands of the neighbouring villages will also be benefited by this project, will the Government be pleased to consult the raiyats concerned and, if they agree to an increase in the rate of assessment on their lands, investigate the project further and commence the work ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall consider that.

Mr. Sugurappa.—

If it is possible, why not bring more wet lands under cultivation ?

Third Member of Council.—

The water will not be sufficient.

Mr. Sugurappa.—

Then, how is it that so much of bagayet land has been proposed to be supplied with water ?

Third Member of Council.—

The extent of cultivation mentioned in answer to Question (*b*) includes wet and garden lands.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

How much is the estimated cost of the project and how does that compare with the anticipated revenue ?

Third Member of Council.—

According to the estimate, the cost will be Rs. 2,21,500 and the revenue, Rs. 2,471. The return will be 1·5 per cent.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

Even though the return will be very low, are Government aware that the project, if taken up, will benefit a very large number of raiyats ?

Third Member of Council.—

If at all, the work will have to be taken up as a protective work.